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Division Focus

A Look at How the Department Protects and Serves Alabama Farmers and Consumers



Pesticide Clean Days Held in November

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI) Pesticide Management Section, in cooperation with

the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (ACES), held two Pesticide Clean Days in November. The first was held on November 15th at the Tennessee Valley Research and Extension Center in Belle Mina and the second on November 16th at the Wiregrass Research and Extension Center in Headland.

The Clean Day Waste Pesticide Collection Program allows farmers, pesticide dealers, pesticide control operators, households and other pesticide users to dispose of unwanted and unusable pesticides. Clean Day events provide a collection site for proper disposal, which helps participants comply with the law while ensuring the safety

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2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

This month, farmers and ranchers across the nation will begin receiving the 2017 Census of Agriculture. Producers can mail in their completed census form, or respond on the improved web questionnaire. The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has revised the online questionnaire to make it more convenient for producers.

"The updated online questionnaire is very user-friendly — it can now be used on any electronic device, and can be saved and revisited as the producer's schedule allows," said NASS Census and Survey Division Director Barbara Rater. "Responding online saves time and protects data quality. That's our mission at NASS — to provide timely, accurate and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture. Better data means informed decisions, and that's why it is so important that every producer respond and be represented."

New time-saving features of the online questionnaire include automatically calculating totals, skipping sections that do not pertain to the operation, and providing drop-down menus of frequent responses. The census website will continue to be updated with new information through the census response deadline of February 5, 2018.

Revisions and additions to the 2017 Census of Agriculture aim to capture a more detailed account of the industry. Producers will see a new question about military veteran status, expanded questions about food marketing practices, and questions about on-farm decision-making to better capture the roles and

contributions of beginning farmers, women farmers and others involved in running the business.

Response to the census of agriculture is required by law. The same law requires NASS to keep all information confidential, to use the data only for statistical purposes, and only in aggregate form to prevent disclosing the identity of any producer. The time required to complete the questionnaire is estimated at 50 minutes.

Conducted once every five years, the census of agriculture is a complete count of all U.S. farms, ranches and those who operate them; it is the only source of uniform, comprehensive and impartial agriculture data for every state and county

in the country. Farmers and ranchers, trade associations, government, extension educators, researchers and many others rely on census of agriculture data when making decisions that shape American agriculture — from creating and funding farm programs to boosting services for communities and the industry. The census of agriculture is a producer's voice, future and opportunity.

"I encourage all Alabama producers to take the time and respond to the census," said Commissioner John McMillan. "The data collected ensures that our state's agriculture is accurately represented."

For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov or call 800-727-9540.

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Tilapia \$5/lb. plus delivery fee. Great for bass lake & algae problems. 205/477-8446 (Tuscaloosa)

Bass \$1/up; Bluegill, Coppernose, Shell-crackers \$.40/up; Grass carp \$5/up; Shiners & fathead minnows \$9/lb.; Crappie \$1/up. We correct out of balance ponds. Steve Brown 445 Co Rd 55, Moundville 35474 205/371-4494 (Hale)

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CATTLE

All livestock listings must be from bonafide livestock farmers. Notices from livestock dealers, order buyers or persons selling on commission cannot be accepted.

CATTLE SALES

Cattle 18 months and older must be officially identified at change of ownership. For more information about obtaining official tags, contact the State Veterinarian's Office at 334-240-7253. Animals sold out-of-state must meet animal health requirements of the state of destination.

Limousin homozygous black and homozygous polled young bulls and young heifers, guarantee black & polled calves, top bloodlines, exc. milking, great disposition, all vaccinations, LBW, free delivery, herd reduction, \$1,250/up. 205/456-0468 (Blount)

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Young reg. Brahman bulls, very gentle, \$2,000-\$2,500. Wes Tyler 18 Blake Ln., Arab 35016 256/673-2672 (Marshall)

Reg. Angus heifers, out of nationally known bloodlines, 10-13 mos., LBW, gentle, \$950; Reg. Angus bulls out of LBW sire (Regis) & champion dams 13-16 mos. \$2,250; Commercial heifers Lim-Flex \$850 ea. Delivery 50 miles available. Dr. Dan Hudson 1111 Foggy Hollow Trail, Fitzpatrick 334/398-0285 (Bullock)

Reg. Black Angus, A.I. sired, \$1,100/up, good bloodlines, gentle, heavy built, 7 mos/up. Craig Jones 650 Walker Mt. Rd., Boaz 35956 205/451-9548 (Etowah)

Solid red high percentage Lowline Angus bull, D.O.B. 7/11/16, unregistered, \$1,500. John Carlton 33507A US Hwy 31, Spanish Fort 36527 251/680-1686 (Baldwin)

5 Reg. Hereford bulls \$2,750/up, 3 to 5 yo, please call for additional information. Jon Widener, P.O. Box 2909, Laurel, MS 39442 601/498-3992 (Mississippi)

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CATTLE

Reg. Angus bulls: Five 21 mos. direct sons of Conneally Counsior, Conneally Final Product & Bennett Southside, LBW, BSE, Genmax DNA confirmed parentage & EPDs \$2,500; 5 yo direct son of Midland \$2,000. George Gibbins 426 Old Choccolocco Rd., Anniston 256/237-7350 (Calhoun)

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Commercial grade Angus steers, 300-700 lbs. \$1.50/lb., 3 available. Gary Goggins 205/620-4867 (Shelby)

Miniature dairy & small beef cattle for small farms, prices start at \$750, visit us at www.Inminifarm.com 256/657-6545 (DeKalb)

Reg. Angus cattle, Traveler breeding bulls, heifers & cows, grass raised, \$1,500-\$2500. Phillip Stringer, P.O. Box 129, Coffeeville 36524 251/589-5620 (Clarke)

Polled Hereford heifers, \$750 & \$950, 32 to choose from, all ages. 662/927-1941 (Calhoun)

Reg. Brangus x Ultrablack bulls, 8-12 mos., \$1,700-\$2,200; Also Reg. Brangus x Ultrablack heifers, 8-12 mos., \$1,000 ea. Levon Enzor 4126 Perdue Hill Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/282-0553 or 251/267-3996 (Monroe)

Brangus & Angus bulls, mature BSE passed bulls down to yearlings, prices range from \$1,000 to \$6,000, gentle bulls. J. Hudson Hines 24100 Hwy 21 N., Beatrice 36425 251/564-1457 (Monroe)

Reg. Black Sim-Angus bull, 14 mos., polled, hand-fed, docile, calving ease, Bull Test Winner 4/8 years, \$2,000. Chester Hicks 4892 Crawford's Cove Rd., Springville 35146 256/490-1919 (St. Clair)

Two reg. Black Angus bulls, 15 mos., currently breeding cows, \$2,000/up. David J. Whitt 692 Mt. Sinai Rd., Horton 35980 256/878-1602 (Marshall)

Reg. Black Brangus bulls, top bloodlines, LBW, gentle, make good herdsires, 10 mos/up, \$1,600/up. Kenneth Fuller 510 Fuller Rd., Cragford 36255 256/618-1344 or 256/354-4052 (Clay)

Purebred Jersey bull born 6-29-17, very gentle, \$500, bred by Berry College. Sonny Pfeiffer 334/872-4919 (Dallas)

Beefmaster breeding bulls from reg. stock, 1½ to 4 yo, two black, one tan, \$1,500-\$2,500. Len Troman 254 Troman Ln., Attalla 35954 256/490-8851 or 256/538-9878 (Etowah)

Reg. Angus bulls \$2,500, LBW, exc. bloodline. Earl Woodard 318 Faust Rd., Blountsville 35031 205/429-2883 (Blount)

Beefmaster heifers \$1,200. Carmon Smith 3557 Co Rd 24, Crossville 35962 256/571-3777 (DeKalb)

Reg. Black Angus bulls, \$1,700 ea., one at 14 mos., one at 12 mos., over 50 years breeding quality/gentleness. Larry Farmer 5225 Coosa River Rd., Deatsville 36022 334/569-3496 (Elmore)

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Service ready, one Santa Gertrudis bull, gentle, polled, dark red, reg., \$2,200; Beautiful 8 mos. bulls \$1,200. Free ballcap & Star5 info. Betty Kelso-Clough 85 Jackson Cove, Somerville 35670 256/778-7362 or 256/566-7878 (Morgan)

5 Reg. Red Brangus bulls, 18-22 mos., Ty-lertown Forage Test Data available, \$2,000 ea. Richard B. Gingles 6420 Beatline Rd., Long Beach, MS 39560 228/864-4339 (Mississippi)

Black Angus bull, purebred, 21 mos., out of first calf reg. heifer, sire LBW reg. bull, 50 lb. BWT, will make good heifer bull, \$1,400. 256/506-5073 (Marshall)

BBU Reg. Beefmaster bulls \$1,500/up, polled, red & black colors. Carmon Smith 3557 Co Rd 24, Crossville 35962 256/571-3777 (DeKalb)

Purebred yearling Black Angus bull of the Program bloodline \$1,150. Get with the program! G H Foster 173 Sandy Shores Ln., Rainbow City 256/506-3188 (Etowah)

Reg. Brangus bulls, various ages beginning at \$1,400/up, very gentle. Randy Cline 3665 Midway Rd., Thomasville 36784 205/393-4470 (Clarke)

Quality reg. Charolais bulls, polled, LBW, gentle, top bloodlines, add pounds & profit to your next calf crop, \$3,500. Frank Ellis 250 Ellis Rd., Letohatchee 36047 www.frankellis.com 334/315-8927 or 334/227-4856 (Lowndes)

Replacement commercial heifers 650 to 750 lbs., varying Brahman influence, \$1,050/up, shots pre-conditioned. 334/324-3180 (Montgomery)

Reg. Limousin Bulls, red & black, double polled, gentle, LBW, 15 mos. to 19 mos., \$1,650 - \$1,850. Don Jones 15246 HWY 110, Fitzpatrick 36029 334/279-1023 or 334/207-7749 (Bullock)

Seven 2 yo Sim-Angus heifers ready to be put w/the bull, \$800/head. 205/668-6962 or 205/410-5013 (Chilton)

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Sim-Angus bulls, 11-14 mos., not reg., 25 to pick from, \$1,000 ea., sired by good calving ease bull. 256/572-0800 (Blount)

Reg. Limousin & Lim-Flex bulls, homozygous black & homozygous polled w/LBW, 13 mos. to 19 mos., \$2,000-\$3,000, guarantee to pass BSE, all have great EPDs. Pell City 205/365-0239 (St. Clair)

Reg. Scottish Highland cattle, 8 mos/up, heifers & bulls, purebred bloodlines for foundation stock, \$1,500/up, exc. maternal characteristics, gentle, cross w/your cattle or start your own fold. www.gb3highlandcattle.com or info@gb3highlandcattle.com. Tracey 205/432-9531 (Cullman)

Reg. Brangus bulls, 18 mos, soundness & fertility evaluations done, hand fed, easy keeping, good EPDs & LBW, \$2,750. James Hall 185 McEwen Farm Rd., Wilsonville 35186 205/240-7979 (Shelby)

Polled Hereford bulls, 2 yo, stout, gentle, fertile, easy keeping, easy calving, passed BSEs, most by Durango 44U, \$2,500/up. Ken McMillan mcm1@pellcityvets.com 205/405-0068 (Talladega)

Freezer beef, Angus & Sim-Angus, grain fed, top genetics, no antibiotics, no hormones, \$2.25/lb. live weight. 205/245-9409 (Chilton)

Several pairs w/Hereford sired F-1 calves, \$1,200/up ea.; One 26 mos. AI sired, purebred, black Angus bulls \$2,500; 10 Baldy heifers, 18-20 mos., ready to breed, \$1,100 ea. W.P. Powell 6712 Co Rd 24, Clanton 35045 205/755-3786 or 205/245-9409 (Chilton)

Red Angus bulls & heifers, \$1,100/up; 1 Brangus bull reg. w/papers, 6 yo, \$3,000. Rand Briggs 5059 Pleasantfield Rd., Oakman 35579 205/686-2970 (Walker)

Large selection 2 & 3 yo reg. Angus bulls, birth & weaning weights available, semen tested, \$2,000/up. Chip Harrigan 1361 Asbury Rd., Grove Hill 36451 251/275-6657 (Clarke)

1 Black Angus bull, 5 yo, \$2,000. 205/435-3201 (Walker)

CATTLE

24-25 mos. bulls, 4 purebred Angus, 3 Sim-Angus, top bloodlines, black, BWf, polled, gentle, handfed, \$2,500 ea.; 6 Sim-Angus bulls, 13-14 mos., black, BWf, polled, top genetics, \$1,500-\$1,600. W.P. Powell 6712 Co Rd 24, Clanton 35045 205/755-3786 or 205/245-9409 (Chilton)

Black Balancer bull born February 2016 \$2,000; Reg. Texas Longhorn cows & heifers, great genetics & good dispositions \$800-\$2,000. Claude Lipscomb www.blackandbluequarterhorses.com 251/965-3600 (Baldwin)

Reg. Jersey nurse cow, she's a Zipper daughter w/bull calf by Dignitary, calved 10-7-17, fresh cow \$1,800, pair \$2,300. T. Johnson 205/301-0220 (Choctaw)

Polled Herefords, bulls 17-20 mos., \$2,500 ea., groups of cows w/calves at side \$2,000 to \$2,800 ea. pair. Cows pasture exposed to top quality polled Hereford bulls for late spring 2018 calving. All cattle reg. w/exc. pedigrees & EPDs. Jim & Lynda Lowery 5320 Co Rd 36, Heflin 36264 256/253-2445 (Cleburne)

6 Sim-Angus heifers, 3 bred, 3 pairs, black, polled, gentle, \$2,000 ea. W.P. Powell 6712 Co Rd 24, Clanton 35045 205/755-3786 or 205/245-9409 (Chilton)

Reg. Limousin bulls, LBW, black or red, 14 mos. to 26 mos., \$1,650 to \$2,100, performance records available on all. Richard Beard 8109 Glendale Rd., Trussville 35173 205/655-7682 (Jefferson)

Reg. Angus bulls from nationally known bloodlines, LBW EPDs, very docile, AI & pasture bred, some approaching 2 yo, \$1,800/up, embryos also available, I can email information on donors. Glenn Fuller 256/329-9544 or 256/794-2892 (Tallapoosa)

Reg. Black Angus & Sim-Angus yearling bulls, top bloodlines, docile, \$1,800/up; Also have a few commercial bulls. Call quick for best choice. Call Bill Freeman, Vernon 205/695-6314 (Lamar)

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Red Golden Pheasants, also Silver Pheasants \$50/pair, mature beautiful birds. Montevallo 205/665-2416 or 205/914-1497 (Shelby)
Peacocks, Indian Blue peahen & two cream Black Shoulder peahens, 2017 hatch, all three peahens are gentle, raised free range, \$100 ea. 205/240-3967 (Jefferson)
Peacocks, 2014, 2015, 2017 hatches available, Indian Blue, white, pied & Black Shouldered, \$100/up. Candi 706/326-2812 (Lee)

FARMS FOR SALE

40 ac. parcel, road frontage 2,600', approx. 34 ac. hardwood timber, approx. 6 ac. of 7 yo pines, 500' north of Potato Patch Creek & close to Cahaba River, in Talladega National Forest east of Heiberger, secluded w/county maintained road, exc. hunting, \$2,500 OBO. Larry Gamble 205/529-5999 (Perry)
109 ac., has highway frontage, lots timber, deer & turkey, also creek runs in it, \$1,400/ac. 205/712-2558 (Lamar)
9.22 ac., 2 miles to Lake Mitchell near Clanton, half open pasture, creek, furnished 2 BR 1 BA trailer, 12x24 building, tractor 49 hp, shooting house, \$87,900. 205/979-7616 (Chilton)
88 ac. near Smith Lake, Walker County frontage Fall City Road, 10 minutes from Jasper, \$2,250/ac. Jack McCullar, P.O. Box 308, Arley 35541 205/295-8151 (Winston)
67 ac., 3 ponds, 3 pastures, 21 stalls, 2 barns, house 3 BR, bunkhouse 2 BR, \$345,000. 205/936-8272 (Cullman)
30 ac. farm near Boaz, Sardis area, fenced, ½ mile highway frontage, corner Chumley & Horton Gap Roads, near Farm Town, \$3,750/ac. OBO. 205/456-0468 (Etowah)
100 ac. 15 yo pines on Big Nance Creek, Mt. Moriah area, \$250,000. Anthony Alexander 2347 Co Rd 214, Hillsboro 35643 256/214-0304 (Lawrence)
40+/- ac. Waterfront Warrior Road, 30 min. from Birmingham, 572 Glaze Creek Rd., \$3,500/ac., owner financing available. 256/503-5989 (Jefferson)
444 ac. Hwy 91, five miles off I-65, exit 291, fenced, small lake, 2 ponds, large creek, fenced, \$1,110,000. 205/936-8272 (Cullman)
42+/- ac. in Jemison, working cattle/horse farm, multiple home sites overlooking six mile creek, cabin complete w/kitchen, full bath, loft upstairs, new 47" field fence perimeter, corral w/electricity, water & covered walk area, XL barn w/water & electricity, city water & well, \$249,000 (neg.) Tracey info@gb3highlandcattle.com 205/432-9531 (Cullman)
500+ ac. 75'x50'; all steel barn, 475 ac. timber 15 to 30 yo, 2 miles paved road, city water all roads, 3 BR house, mailed bids by Dec. 18, 2017, \$3,000/ac. OBO. James H. Hollingsworth 191 Co Rd 122, Eldridge 35554 (Fayette)
50 ac., approx. 1/3 fields, balance pines & hardwood, 2,750 sq. ft. house completely rebuilt, barn, tractor w/implements, Gator, \$350,000. Sam Routh 13214 Hwy 5, Marion 36756 205/616-2790 (Perry)
56 ac. & 41 ac. farm between Montgomery & Mobile, 2 barns, 3 ac. lake, all fenced, 2 creeks, mostly pasture, paved road, some hunting, \$4,000/ac. 251/867-6410 or 251/363-2979 (Conecuh)

FARMS WANTED

Want to farm 1,500+ ac. cotton, soybeans, peanuts, corn on shares, can relocate anywhere. 334/479-2890 (Houston)

FARM LABOR AVAILABLE

Farm fence installed, hi-tensile, barbed wire, field fence & goat wire, will travel. Leave message. Kale Hembree 256/507-2795 (Cullman)
All types fencing, barn building & repair, catch pens & more. All work guaranteed. Jeff McDonald 256/527-0808 (Morgan)
Custom livestock hauling, haul all types of livestock, \$2 loaded mile, local or out of state, sale barn or special auction. Kevin Webb 256/599-0591 (Jackson)

HAY & FEEDING GRAIN

Round bales of hay, barn stored, \$35/horse hay; \$30/cow hay. Roger Fuller 232 Anex Ln., Talladega 35160 256/362-3940 (Talladega)
Oats straw \$3.25/bale or \$3 for 50+. Dannie B. Gingerich 181 Marcellafalls Rd., Ethridge, TN 38456 (Tennessee)
4x5 rolls of mixed grasses, Bermuda, Bahia, Fescue, Dallas grass, Orchard grass, sprayed for weed control, tight heavy bales, barn stored, can load anytime, \$35/roll. Charlie Davis 205/999-5844 (St. Clair)
Sq. bale hay premium quality horse Bermuda mix \$4.50; Good mixed grass \$4; Fertilized, sprayed, no rain, 4x5 rolls \$35 in barn. 205/755-1454 or 205/217-9961 (Chilton)
5x4 round Bahia, exc. quality, \$40. Eddie J. Pruden 4836 Freewill Dr., Quinton 35130 205/674-5402 (Jefferson)
Tiff Quick 106 5'x5', no rain, covered w/6 ml plastic, \$4,000 take all, we load. George Wise, 5701 Vendome Dr. S., Mobile 36609 251/401-6476 (Mobile)
Sq. bales hay mixed grass \$5/bale. Sandra Weaver 10165 AL Hwy 174, Odenville 35120 205/533-1306 (St. Clair)
4x5 round bale mixed grass hay \$20; Sq. bale hay, clean mixed grass hay \$3, Bahia \$4, Bermuda \$5, you haul. Gordon Norton 256/463-3231 (Cleburne)
4x5 bales Tifton 9 Bahia grass, net wrapped & fertilized, \$25/bale picked up on farm, delivery available. 5730 Hwy 82, Fitzpatrick 334/584-7981 (Bullock)
300 rolls Bahia grass hay, 4x5 rolls sprayed & well fertilized, available in both Shelby & Lamar Counties, \$25/roll stored outside, \$35/roll stored inside. Perry Cole 205/879-9008 (Shelby)
Hay Coastal mix, 5'x5' rolls, \$30/roll, will load. Neil Sutton 53 Lightner Rd., Arton 36311 334/685-3169 (Barbour)
85 rolls 4x5 Bahia grass hay, \$20/roll, located in NE Pike County near Troy, will load. 334/281-2448 (Montgomery)
Feed wheat \$200/ton; Corn \$160/ton; Wheat straw \$4/bale, prices subject to change w/market. 4476 Stockdale Rd., Munford 36268 256/362-8824 (Talladega)
4x5 twine wrapped horse hay Tifton 44 \$40; Cow hay mixed common Bermuda, Bahia, Fescue \$35, both sprayed & well fertilized. Joe Glasscox 2460 Pine Mtn. Rd., Remlap 35133 205/681-7826 (Blount)
Round bales, sprayed & fertilized, Bahia & Bermuda, 4x5 net wrap barn stored, Bahia \$45, Bermuda \$50. Terry Poague 3716 Claud Fleahop Rd., Tallassee 36078 334/300-4306 (Elmore)
Alfalfa hay, Western grown, heavy 90+ lbs., leafy, fine stem \$17.50/bale, 20 bale minimum, discount on 100 bales/more; Mixed Alfalfa Orchard grass \$12.50/bale; 3x3x8 Alfalfa premium 1,000+/- lbs. \$149 ea.; Cow Alfalfa also available 3x4x8 bales. Richard Beard Jr. 8109 Glendale Farms Rd., Trussville 35173 205/655-7682 (Jefferson)
Premium quality Coastal/Bahia mix, 5x5 net wrapped hay, no rain, \$30/roll loaded at field, sprayed & fertilized. Larry Monk 92 John C. Martin Rd., Clayton 36016 334/775-3239 (Barbour)
Hay fertilized weed free, barn kept & net wrap on outside, hay price depends on type hay desired, \$30-\$50. 205/372-7463 (Hale)



Map of Alabama Counties

HAY & FEEDING GRAIN

4x5 net wrapped Rye grass, Bahia, Coastal & Mixed grass, hayfields limed, fertilized & sprayed, in barn \$40-\$45; last cutting outside \$35. Call/text 205/299-0465 or 334/412-7625 (Chilton)
Marshall Rye grass, 80 bags, \$35 ea., 20 bag minimum. Richard Beard 8109 Glendale Farms Rd., Trussville 35173 205/655-7682 (Jefferson)
4x5 rolls net wrapped mixed grass, put up dry, large amount, loaded on trailer \$30/roll. Clark Hatfield 4525 Washington Ferry Rd., Montgomery 36108 334/558-4052 (Montgomery)

HORSES & MULES

Jerusalem donkeys, adult jacks (4), 1 yearling jack, \$35 ea. Gary Goggins 205/620-4867 (Shelby)
Brown mule mare, 5 yo, 10 hh, trained to pull cart, \$800. Jimmy Dozier 334/215-3336 (Montgomery)
TWH, sorrel mare, \$750; Spotted gelding \$1,500, both trail broke & gaited bred mule, 4 yo, sorrel w/flax mane & tail, \$500. 256/352-4006 or 256/347-5046 (Cullman)
At stud: Starlight Too, AQHA stallion by Badger Starlight x Peppy San Badger out of a daughter of Nu Bar, 33% Doc Bar. Stud fee \$750. www.frankellis.com Frank Ellis 250 Ellis Rd., Letohatchee 36047 334/315-8927 or 334/227-4856 (Lowndes)

HORSES & MULES

Brown Shetland mare, 10 yo, 10 hh, very gentle, trained to pull cart & wagon, \$800. Jimmy Dozier 334/215-3336 (Montgomery)
Donkeys jack \$50 ea., jennies \$100 ea., raised w/cattle, good for keeping dogs & coyotes away. 334/864-0424 (Chambers)
Reg. old type Morgans, 2 weanling colts \$800 ea.; 1 yearling filly \$2,000. Carol Potts 91 Potts Rd. Eva 35621 256/482-3953 (Morgan)
Roan AQHA ranch bred & running bred horses, crossed for roping horses & barrel racers, young & ready, \$2,000-\$6,000. Claude Lipscomb www.blackandbluequarterhorses.com 251/965-3600 (Baldwin)

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Australian Shepherd pups, AKC/ASCA reg., 20 years raising them, super nice, merles \$500, tris \$400. Kerry & Lamar Waters 334/714-1093 (Coffee)
5-D Ranch raised Border Collies bred for working cattle, ready by Christmas, \$200; Also sometimes have started trained dogs. Tommy Davis 334/850-3046 (Macon)
Red Heeler puppies born 9-28-17, will be ready to start selling 11-9-17, \$100 ea. Dannie B. Gingerich 181 Marcellafalls Rd., Ethridge, TN 38456 (Tennessee)
¾ Great Pyrenees ¼ Anatolian puppies born 9-30-17, raised w/goats, \$150, first shots, dewormed. Please leave message. Mike Griffith 203 Pleasantview Rd., Falkville 35622 256/462-3473 (Morgan)

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Reg. Border Collies, pups \$450/up out of working cattle dogs w/eye & balance, will also herd sheep or goats; Border Collie demonstration, rodeos & fairs; Training on Border Collies, 50 years experience. www.valleybordercollies.com James A. Thomas 334/790-8910 (Geneva)

MACHINERY

1993 JD 5200 series, 2,075 actual hrs., between 40-45 hp, 2 wd, \$9,000. 706/590-2170 (Chambers)
1999 JD 550G LGP dozier, 4,567 hrs., 6-way blade, 10' root rake, good u.c. \$31,500 OBO. Anthony Alexander 2347 Co Rd 214, Hillsboro 35643 256/214-0304 (Lawrence)
IH 140 tractor, restored w/in factory specs, automotive primer & paint, 12 volt charging system, good rubber, new belts/hoses/gauges/brakes/fluids & filters, comes w/factory drawbar & full set front & rear cultivators, very low hr. tractor, \$6,800 cash. Chase Gamble 205/368-5339 (Tuscaloosa)
Allis Chalmers "CA" tractor, runs/operates exc., all original cond., 1 owner, tight steering, w/factory snap coupler quick hitch & 4 pieces of original snap couple equipment, must see to appreciate, \$3,500 cash, will sell tractor separate, pictures & video available. Larry Gamble 205/529-5999 (Jefferson)
1993 JD 5200 series, 2,075 actual hrs., between 40-45 hp, 2 wd, \$8,500. 706/590-2170 (Chambers)

MISCELLANEOUS

New J.D. clam shell fenders off a new 5065E tractor, \$200/set. Edd Lipscomb 251/367-1968 (Baldwin)

Heavy duty cattle guards, 2'x6' sq tubing frame w/2½-3" schedule 80/40 pipe to fit your needs. Our standard size is 7'x21' & weighs 2,000-2,500 lbs. \$2,300 sch 80 pipe or \$2,000 sch 40 pipe. See installed display at 220 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/390-3940 (Cherokee)

2500 new unbreakable hi-tensile fiber posts for installing hi-tensile fence, these posts are 6' tall x 1.50" & have 5 pre-drilled holes at 10, 20, 30, 40, 50" for installing wire w/ clips, \$6 ea., volume discounts. Rick Neves 256/747-3301 (Cullman)

Coal stoker heater removed from very large house, have new under feed tube & tuyeres, 2 distribution exchangers, 1 ceiling fan exchanger, controls & pump, everything to rebuild heater with, \$400. 205/712-2170 (Lamar)

I&T shop manuals for vintage J I Case tractors, models 400, 700B, 800B, 430, 440, 530, 630, 640, 500, 600, 900B, 730, 830, 930, 1030 & 1200 Traction King, prices \$10, \$15 & \$20, free shipping, covers & pages all intact, cond. varies. Russell Watson 12551 Pounders and Sims Rd., Haleyville 35565 205/485-1276 (Winston)

2 small rabbit or other small animal indoor pens, call for sizes & price, can email photos, \$250 to \$300. Ajg1@bellsouth.net 256/737-9513 (Cullman)

Pecans, in shell, uncracked, \$.50/lb. – small; \$.75/lb. – large. 256/352-4006 or 256/347-5046 (Cullman)

NRP Jones hydraulic crimper, 8-dies, assorted fittings & hose & hydraulic hose saw w/vacuum \$5,000 OBO. Anthony Alexander 2347 Co Rd 214, Hillsboro 35643 256/214-0304 (Lawrence)

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Surrey, 2 seat, Amish type w/fringed top, hydraulic brakes, set for one or two horses, \$1,800, pictures sent on request. 256/352-4006 or 256/347-5046 (Cullman)

I&T shop manuals for JD 1000-series crawler tractor manual, like new \$103.99 (it is 1" thick); Vintage JD I&T shop service manual 720, 730 diesel \$10. Free shipping, covers & pages all intact, acceptable cond. Russell Watson 12551 Pounders and Sims Rd., Haleyville 35565 205/485-1276 (Winston)

Miller bobcat 225G welder/generator, 10KW Onan engine mounted on trailer, \$2,500 OBO. Anthony Alexander 2347 Co Rd 214, Hillsboro 35643 256/214-0304 (Lawrence)

Choretime feed bins, 15 ton w/ladder, exc. cond., down ready to load on your trailer, no leaks, can load, \$1,500. 205/994-0650 (Blount)

2 picking units off 9900 2-row cotton picker, good cond., \$1,000 ea. or \$1,500 for both. 256/447-8344 (Cherokee)

I&T shop manual for vintage International Harvester 460, 560, 606, 660, 2606, exc. cond., \$20 (one book). Russell Watson 12551 Pounders and Sims Rd., Haleyville 35565 205/485-1276 (Winston)

28-piece HD catch pen/funnel/alley w/ head catch, \$5,300 ea. Consists of 50' dia. catch pen, 22' funnel w/sweep gate/33' alley. 14-piece system is \$3,000 ea. Ideal for cattle producers w/rented/multiple farms/pastures. See display at 605 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/390-3940 (Cherokee)

250 gal. propane tank w/10% gas in it \$250. Anthony Alexander 2347 Co Rd 214, Hillsboro 35643 256/214-0304 (Lawrence)

Pine Straw (round bales) at \$6/bale, delivery is available in Walker County & surrounding areas. For more information, contact Ricky Odum 205/388-2717 or 205/522-7153 (Walker)

One set of oxygen & acetylene bottles, full size oxygen, acetylene is partial or half-size, \$125. 205/681-7826 (Blount)

Cedar & black walnut trees, you cut, you haul. 205/435-3201 (Walker)

MISCELLANEOUS

I&T shop service manuals for vintage Ford 6000, Commander 6000, 8000, both in fair/good used cond. (covers intact), \$10 ea., free shipping. Russell Watson 12551 Pounders and Sims Rd., Haleyville 35565 205/485-1276 (Winston)

Metal building 50'x80'x10' fully enclosed, insulated overhead & sides, already took down, \$8,500. 256/447-8344 (Cherokee)

50' HD round pen w/7' wide x 10' tall ride through gate \$2,000 ea. Consists of 14-HD panels 11' long x 5'8" tall that weigh 140 lb. ea. plus gate. All user friendly & animal safe. See display at 605 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/390-3940 (Cherokee)

Used rear tractor tires 26"-50" \$150/up; Used industrial tires 15"-28" \$150/up; New recaps or used take offs 22.5-24.5 \$100 ea. Johnny Griggers 604 Goodway Rd., Frisco City 36445 251/862-2682 after 7 p.m. (Monroe)

Pine fence posts, 4-5", 8', you cut, you load, you haul, \$1 ea. 251/824-2616 (Mobile)

500 gal. propane tank \$650; Ladder rack for LWB truck \$35; 27 gal. Speed Air compressor \$150; Stanley air compressor 1½ hp, new \$125; 250 gal. propane tank \$200. 205/465-9051 (Marion)

Cattle scales, Paul brand model 305, 3,000 lb. capacity, portable, equipped w/cage w/ adjustable squeeze side, barn kept, used only a few times, owners manual available, \$2,500 firm. Jim & Lynda Lowery 5320 Co Rd 36, Heflin 36264 256/253-2445 (Cleburne)

LUMBER FOR SALE. Circular Saw Red & White Oak, Hickory, Ash \$1.50 BFT; Heart Pine \$6 BFT. Loring White 334/782-3636 (Tallapoosa)

Heavy duty cattle guards, 2'x6' sq. tubing frame w/2½-3" schedule 80/40 pipe to fit your needs. Our standard size is 7'x21' & weighs 2,000-2,500 lbs. \$2,300 sch. 80 pipe or \$2,000 sch 40 pipe. See installed display at 220 Co Rd 19, Piedmont 36272 256/390-3940 (Cherokee)

PLANTS, BULBS & SEEDS

Pepper seeds: Scorpion, Vietnam, Korean, 25 varieties, Touch-Me-Not flower seeds, Gourd seed, \$1/pkt., 30 seeds+. Donald Allen 3647 Spain Rd., Snellville, GA 30039 404/578-7758 (Georgia)

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Japanese Maples, great selection, \$5/up. Thursday through Saturday. Paul & Glen-da Lowe 11265 Hwy 50, Dadeville 36853 256/896-0105 (Tallapoosa)

SHEEP & GOATS

All sheep and some classes of goats offered for sale or exhibition must be individually identified with official USDA ear tags for the National Scrapie Eradication Program. To obtain official USDA ear tags, contact the USDA Veterinary Services Area Office at 1-866-USDA-TAG.

ADGA Reg. Nigerian Dwarf dairy goats, \$250 to \$450, show/milk lines, see pictures & more information on website, www.littlestargoatranch.com, tested herd. Judy Smith, Pell City 205/873-1742 (St. Clair)

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Nubian buck born 7/7/17, ADGA reg., hand raised, strong bloodlines, purebred, \$225. Bob Biciste 334/562-3720 (Montgomery)

SHEEP & GOATS

Nannies 4 mos. to 5 yo \$75/up; 2 Kiko Savanna billies, 5 mos. \$125 ea. Please leave message. Mike Griffith 203 Pleasantview Rd., Falkville 35622 256/462-3473 (Morgan)

Jan. 2017 Reg. Katahdin ram (hair sheep), grandson of the show ran Centralia, mostly white, some freckles, \$650. T. Johnson 205/301-0220 (Choctaw)

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Purebred Berkshire piglets born 9/14/2017, gilts & barrows available, parents onsite, \$100 ea. Call/text Windy 205/613-8205 (Shelby)

Pigs Berkshire stock, small & large pigs available, \$50-\$250 ea. 256/404-4088 (Talladega)

Reg. pure breeding stock, several breeds, boars, \$300 ea., gilts \$200 ea., crossbred F-1 females, several cross combinations. Robin Clark 251/605-3073 (Mobile)

Pre-reg. Berkshire sows, ea. has had 1 litter, \$500 ea.; Some of the litter is left, they are \$125 ea.; 2 grade sows coming in, \$25 up to 8 weeks old. Douglas Howard 256/234-5734 (Tallapoosa)

SYRUP, HONEY & BEES

Are you interested in growing cane & making syrup? The Alabama Syrup-Makers Association meets at 8 a.m. the first Saturday of every other month at Golden Corral in Dothan. 334/494-3037 (Coffee)

Used bee hives & medium suppers, complete hive w/supper & queen excluder less foundation w/screened bottom \$80/plus. Edward Bornholt 26697 Frank Rd., Elberta 36530 251/986-8153 (Baldwin)

Cane juice and cane syrup for sale. Syrup is \$5/bottle and juice is \$3/half-gallon. Seed cane also available for \$.50 to \$.75/ stalk. Earl Stokes 334/494-3037 (Coffee)

TRUCKS & TRAILERS

2008 Ford LX350 flatbed, 33,000 miles, asking \$13,000. 334/872-3572 (Dallas)

53' refrigerated trailer, all metal & complete, doesn't leak, asking \$1,750. Call Kenneth Gill 256/620-0220 (Cullman)

1970 Chevy C-10 LWB pickup, 350 auto, runs, partially restored, lots of new trim, \$3,000 OBO. Anthony Alexander 2347 Co Rd 214, Hillsboro 35643 256/214-0304 (Lawrence)

1971 Chevrolet C65 Fontaine 16' steel flatbed dump w/wooden side beds, \$7,900. Dennis Acker 2950 Co Rd 10, Piedmont 36272 256/447-8344 (Cherokee)

1999 Chopand 16' gooseneck 3 horse slant load w/dressing & tack room, 7' tall, good floor w/mats, \$2,800. 20339 Hwy 52 W., Kinston 36453 334/701-2120 (Geneva)

94 Int'l 8100 single axle M11, 330 hp, Fuller Super 10 speed transmission, 410 ratio, \$2,100, exc. motor, transmission parts. Bobby Stancil 5272 Hwy 43, Spruce Pine 35585 256/332-4323 (Franklin)

24' Better Built gooseneck flatbed, two 7,000 lb. axles, good wood floor, electric brakes, good spring ramps, \$2,495. 205/295-8151 (Winston)

Big Tex 21' gooseneck, like new \$6,000. 334/872-3582 (Dallas)

1978 Chevrolet C65 flatbed dump w/metal sides, air tandem axle, \$11,500. Denis Acker 2950 Co Rd 10, Piedmont 36272 256/447-8344 (Cherokee)

Trailboss 20' gooseneck plus 5' dovetail w/ramps, two 12,000 lb. oil bath axles, 8 new tires, 2 new spares, \$6,000 OBO. Anthony Alexander 2347 Co Rd 214, Hillsboro 35643 256/214-0304 (Lawrence)

21' gooseneck, dove tail, dual axle, good tires, \$2,800 OBO. John Wright 256/796-1586 (Cullman)

Utility trailer 7' 10" wide x 17' long, detachable ramps, 2 ea. 20' straps included, 2" ball hitch, shed stored, 2 yo, \$1,000. Don Patterson 205/477-1373 (Tuscaloosa)

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Following are the guidelines for advertising in the classified section of the Alabama Farmers and Consumers Bulletin. Adherence to these rules will ensure quick processing of ads. All ads that do not meet the following guidelines will not be published.

1. Only those ads which pertain to agricultural or forestry products and to those items employed in the actual growth, harvesting and disposal of such products will be accepted.
2. Ads should be typed or printed. Those ads that are not legible will not be published.
3. Ads must be limited to 20 words. This does not include name, address or phone number.
4. Ads must include name, address, city, zip code, area code/phone number and county, no “Farm Names or Work Names/Addresses.” Only two phone numbers will be listed. Due to the number of character spaces required for most E-mail addresses, an advertiser must select either a resident address or an E-mail address. Both cannot be printed.
5. Only paid subscribers are permitted to advertise in the Bulletin.
6. Paid subscribers can submit more than one advertisement per category per month but each advertisement is still limited to 20 words.
7. Ads for the classified section will not be accepted from dealers, merchants or commercial establishments.
8. Ads received by fax or e-mail must be received by 5 p.m. on the 10th day of the month and ads received by regular mail must be postmarked by 5 p.m. on the 12th day of the month in order to appear in the following month’s issue. The e-mail address is afcb@agi.alabama.gov and the fax number is 334/240-7169.
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10. Land advertised/wanted must be minimum of 10 acres or more. Ads will not be accepted from dealers or persons selling land on a commission basis. Information on housing should be limited. Ads should reflect descriptions of the land/farm.
11. Only livestock (herding/working) dogs will be published in the Bulletin.
12. Instructional material cannot be advertised in the Bulletin.
13. Ads will be accepted for agricultural work only. Ads for household, nursing or companionship will not be accepted.
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15. Prices must be included with all items offered for sale. Price ranges may be used in certain ads; for example, due to age, weight, etc. cattle can be advertised as \$1,200-\$1,500.
16. We will only advertise birds listed in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) book. Notices from poultry dealers, order buyers or persons selling on commission cannot be accepted. Please note: Psittacine birds and pigeons are NOT listed in the NPIP book. Any questions concerning the NPIP should be directed to the Poultry Unit at 334/240-7255 ext. 4.

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\$89⁹⁹

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All-season play: Sift sand, dig dirt and
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Sturdy metal construction. Weight
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TOMY

1:16 John Deere® 6210R Tractor
with Frontier Grain Cart

**New
Item!**



\$69⁹⁹

Lights and sound requires 3 AAA batteries. Steerable front
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Cart features working auger and unloading door.

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John Deere®
**GREEN STAKE
46" WAGON**

\$169⁹⁹

Wagon has heavy-duty
steel body with
pneumatic tires.
46" x 21" x 34".



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Pedal Tractor
and
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\$118⁹⁹

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Rugged construction. Pedal action.
Detachable accessory wagon.
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John Deere®
PLASTIC PEDAL TRACTOR

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TOMY John Deere® Animal Sounds Hayride
 Push along tractor and wagons with removeable farmer and animals. Requires 3 AAA batteries. Age 18 mo +. #34908A. AFC #34908AREC

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#RGR126N. Automatic self-emptying rain collector measures and eliminates collected rainfall. Wireless range up to 300 feet. Displays daily in inches or millimeters. Displays outdoor temperature. Digital clock runs on 3 AA batteries.



AFC #482975 **\$49.99**

1:16 John Deere® 7430 Tractor with Wagon Set



New Item!
TOMY
 Lights and sound requires 3 AAA batteries (included). Steerable front axle. Wagon features functional dump box. #46077. AFC #46077REC

\$49.99

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For precise watering of your lawn and garden! 5" accurate measurement. #820-0409 AFC #612124

\$1.99



New Item!
PetSafe
Wireless Pet Containment System
 This system is a simple, yet effective alternative to traditional outdoor fencing or buried wire fencing. Instead of using spools of boundary wire around your yard, it uses radio frequency to guard your pet against straying. The system is also portable, allowing you to provide a wireless pet area when traveling. #PIF300. AFC #400302



New Item!
PetSafe
Pet In-Ground Fence for Stubborn Dogs
 For dogs 8 lbs. and up. 5 adjustable, higher-intensity levels of static correction. Tone-only mode alerts your pet with a beep. Waterproof receiver collar. Expandable up to 10 acres with additional wire. Expandable to multiple pets. #PIG00-10777. AFC #476485

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Columbus, Ga.	WLTZ-TV 38	6:30 AM



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GRAPE CULTIVARS EVALUATED AT SAND MOUNTAIN RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER

By Elina Coneva
Auburn University

In a long-term research project, 11 grape varieties tolerant to a dangerous disease threat were planted and evaluated for their suitability to Alabama environmental conditions.

The Pierce’s disease-tolerant American and French-American hybrid bunch grape cultivars were planted at the Sand Mountain Research and Extension Center in Crossville, in 2008 to study their vegetative and cropping potential in an Alabama environment.

Pierce’s disease is considered the single greatest threat to the long-term survivability of susceptible grape cultivars. It is caused by a xylemlimited bacterium that clogs the vascular tissue of susceptible grape cultivars. The causal organism is a gram-positive, rod-shaped bacterium named *Xylella fastidiosa* that is indigenous to the Gulf Coast region of the United States. Although different races of this organism cause similar

diseases in other crops, they appear to be host specific.

The cultivars evaluated in Crossville include Black Spanish, Blanc du Bois, Champanel, Conquistador, Cynthiana, Favorite, Lake Emerald, Stover, Villard Blanc, Seyval Blanc and Seyval Blanc grafted on Coudrec 3309 rootstock (Seyval Blanc/3309C).

Long-term assessment results indicate that Champanel has the most vigorous vegetative growth while Seyval Blanc and Seyval Blanc/3309C were the weakest growing cultivars. Stover has the earliest shoot development while Champanel and Cynthiana shoot development is late.

Typically, Seyval Blanc and Seyval Blanc/3309C have the earliest fruit maturity and are harvested in mid-August. Due to the warmer 2017 season, harvest started in late July, about two weeks earlier. Champanel produced the largest yield of 56 pounds per vine and had the largest berries of 4.2 grams. Favorite, Black Spanish, Blanc du Bios, Villard Blanc, Stover and Lake

Emerald produced between 31 and 54 pounds per vine in 2017.

When comparing the cumulative yield per vine for the period 2011-2017, Villard Blanc shows the highest cropping potential with an average of 230 pounds per vine, followed by Favorite with 212 pounds per vine and Black Spanish with 176 pounds per vine. Villard Blanc and Favorite also produced the largest fruit clusters of 194.6 and 192.0 grams, respectively.

Based on their overall performance Villard Blanc, Black Spanish and Blanc du Bois are considered suitable for commercial production in Alabama and in the Southeast. In addition to their high cropping potential, attractive large fruit clusters, and resistance to berry rot diseases, Champanel and Favorite are considered suitable for home grape production with the least pesticide application.

Elina Coneva is a professor in the Department of Horticulture and an Extension fruit crops specialist.



Commissioner John McMillan
and the
employees of the
Alabama Department of
Agriculture and Industries
want to wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a safe
New Year!

Division Focus CONTINUED...

of the environment.

An independent contractor disposes all items brought to the site, no questions are asked about your possession of the material and no fee is charged for the disposal. Acceptable products for collection include both known and unidentifiable pesticide waste, such as insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and other products, such as defoliants, adjuvants and growth retardants.

Products NOT acceptable for collection include, but are not limited to the following: explosives or ordinance materials, compressed gas cylinders, petroleum products (motor oil), paints, tires,

medical waste, radioactive materials, dioxin precursors or seeds.

“These events have been held across the state since 1995,” said ADAI Pesticide Management Section Supervisor Ray Marler. “Over the years, farmers and agricultural businesses have dropped off more than one million pounds of unwanted pesticide-related materials, and those items were properly removed by standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency.”

For information about future Clean Day events contact the ADAI Pesticide Management Section at 334-240-7242.

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TRUCKS & TRAILERS

Aluminum deck boards, can be used to re-floor livestock trailer, came out of 27'x7' aluminum livestock trailer, \$1,500. 205/295-8151 (Winston)
8'x20" gooseneck trailer, 3 axle, 9ton weight limit, \$3,400. 256/447-8344 (Cherokee)
Birmingham Low Boy trailer, single axle, hyd. ramps, 22'x9' deck, deck has new floor, \$4,500 OBO. Neil Sutton 53 Lightner Rd., Arton 36311 334/685-3169 (Barbour)
Check your cows or check your timber, 1987 Jeep Wrangler, 6 cyl. 5 speed, 4 wd, 110,000 miles, winch, \$5,000 OBO. Anthony Alexander 2347 Co Rd 214, Hillsboro 35643 256/214-0304 (Lawrence)
4 horse w/tack room, custom aluminum storage compartments, rear loading ramp/good cond., email for pictures Tbrad2458@aol.com, asking \$6,500. 9437 Coleman Dairy Rd E., Semmes 36575 251/649-2458 (Mobile)
22' electric tilt trailer, 14,000 lbs. capacity, wide floor, wireless remote for electric winch & tilt, \$9,500. 256/447-8344 (Cherokee)
99 Freightliner 20' B&B litter body, GPS, Ag leader guidance, ag floatation tires, factory extended sides, poly floor, 10 speed Detroit 430, exc. shape, asking \$35,000. Samuel Telford 1914 AL Hwy 5, Marion Junction 36759 877/680-7517 (Perry)
1975 F600 dump truck, cab rough, transmission needs repair, runs & drives, \$700 OBO. Neil Sutton 53 Lightner Rd., Arton 36311 334/685-3169 (Barbour)
2000 Ford F350, 10' flatbed, 7.3 diesel engine, auto, 140,000 miles, \$9,500. Dennis Acker 2950 Co Rd 10, Piedmont 36272 256/447-8344 (Cherokee)

WANTED

Do you have syrup making equipment, cane mills, syrup kettles, etc? Members of the Alabama Syrup-Makers Association are looking for equipment. 334/494-3037 (Coffee)
Looking to buy (running or not) Cat, Komatsu, Kobelco & Hitachi excavators, dozers & wheel loaders, any cond. Paul Triche 985/722-4947 (Louisiana)
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JD 2240 tractor in good cond., preferably a late model. Tim Bagwell 3125 Co Rd 3328, Brundidge 36010 bcslc3125@gmail.com 334/735-2464 (Pike)
Towable backhoe & Pouler take off hammer mill. 1389 McCullum Rd., Jasper 35501 205/384-0358 (Walker)
10' house bush hog, 3 pt hitch. 251/824-2616 (Mobile)
Fuel skid tank, 550 gal. or larger w/ or without pump; Kuhn mower GMD700 or other late model in good shape. Richard Beard 8109 Glendale Rd., Trussville 35173 205/655-7682 (Jefferson)
Dehorning tools, preferable w/wooden handles in good cond. Marvin Gunn 751 Millry/Buckatunna Rd., Millry 36558 251/846-2164 (Washington)
Used sprig digger, no junk. 334/750-7813 (Lee)



From left are Nick, Randall and Matt McMichen and Tyler Bruce of McMichen Farm in Cherokee County. Matt, with the help of the others, won \$10,000 from the Alabama Soybean Producers for exceeding 100 bushels of soybeans per acre.

ALABAMA YOUNG FARMER WINS \$10,000 IN SOYBEAN CONTEST

By Debra Davis
Alabama Farmers Federation

Matt McMichen is only 13 years old, but he’s already making a name for himself in Alabama’s farming circles. He’ll soon have a \$10,000 check from the Alabama Soybean Producers to boost that reputation.

A soybean crop planted on his family’s farm in Cherokee County near the Alexis community set an official state record when the harvest broke the 100-bushel per acre yield mark this fall. That record earned him the prize money from the soybean producers.

“I was so excited that I wanted to stay out of school when harvest time came,” said Matt, an eighth grader at Centre Middle School. “My mom would bring me to the field right after school so I could be there.”

The family farm began in 1842 and includes Matt; his father and mother, Nick and Freida; grandfather Randall McMichen; his sister, Mindy, and her fiancé, Tyler Bruce, who joined the operation in 2015.

The Alabama Soybean Producers, a division of the Alabama Farmers Federation, has sponsored the contest since 2015.

McMichen Farm hauled in a whopping 102.1530 bushels per acre — making it the first Alabama farm to officially break the 100-bushel mark.

The record yield was entered in Matt’s name, but Nick said it was a family effort and a blessing from the Lord.

Matt and his family will be recognized at the Federation’s Commodity Organizational Meeting in February.

As for the prize money, Matt said he plans to use it to help the farm, including his own cattle herd he began in 2015.

The Federation’s Carla Hornady, director of the organization’s Soybean Division, said

growers in other states had made 100-bushel yields, and Alabama farmers wanted to see their state gain such status.

“In 2015, our State Soybean Producers Committee decided to fund Extension specialists Mark Hall and Dennis Delaney’s proposal for the \$10,000 100-bushel yield challenge as an incentive for our farmers to try different production practices to see if they could make higher yields,” Hornady said.

Hall said he was thrilled to have a 100-bushel winner after over 50 entries in the challenge since it began.

Alabama farmers planted an estimated 450,000 acres of soybeans this year, a 7 percent increase over last year’s 420,000 acres. State average yields for last year’s soybean crop were about 32 bushels per acre.

Nick also credits the Alabama Cooperative Extension System for helping develop the plan used to break the 100-bushel mark. “They advised me to plant earlier to have pod fill during the longest days of the year to take advantage of extra sunlight.”

The McMichens planted Pioneer 47T36 no-till soybeans in 30-inch rows at 140,000 seeds per acre on April 14. Ideal weather provided excellent emergence and a final stand count of 125,000 plants per acre, Nick said.

Extension’s Delaney praised the McMichens’ efforts. “This goes to show our farmers are just as capable of making high yields as growers anywhere.”

MONTHLY HAY REPORT

Compared to last month: Hay prices were steady for the month of October. Trade moderate with moderate supply and moderate demand. All prices are FOB unless otherwise noted.

Estimated Tons: 1,800 Last Month: 2,102 Last Year: 1,756

Southeast Hay	Tons	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Peanut Mid-Round			
Good	90	70.00-70.00	75.56
Bermuda Grass Small Square			
Premium	636	180.00-300.00	224.59
Good	3	160.00-160.00	160.00
Bermuda Grass Large Round			
Premium	251	86.67-133.37	105.08
Bermuda Grass Mid Round			
Premium	259	80.00-130.00	104.53
Good	38	75.00-75.00	75.00
Fair	5	40.00-40.00	40.00
Bahia Grass Small Square			
Premium	5	200.00-200.00	200.00
Fair	21	160.00-160.00	160.00
Bahia Grass Mid Round			
Premium	8	100.00-100.00	100.00
Mixed Grass Small Square			
Good	75	75.00-75.00	75.00
Mixed Grass Large Round			
Premium	79	73.33-73.33	73.33
Wheat Straw Small Square			
Fair	41	160.00-160.00	160.00

Source: USDA—Alabama Department of Agriculture Market News, Montgomery, David Garcia at 334-223-7488.

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ALABAMA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Cattle and calves at reported markets throughout the state for November totaled an estimated 60,000 head compared to 64,042 head for October and 56,934 head for November 2016. Compared to last period: Slaughter cows sold \$3 lower, slaughter bulls \$5 lower. Feeder steers sold \$4 to \$8 higher. Feeder heifers sold \$2 to \$4 higher. Replacement cows sold mostly steady. The feeder supply consisted of 23 percent steers, 39 percent heifers and 38 percent bulls.

Slaughter Cows Breakers 75-80				305-345	326	165.00-180.00	171.90
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	350-395	375	157.50-174.00	164.36
1095-1835	1417	45.00-50.00	46.80	410-445	430	147.50-168.00	158.89
1190-1765	1437	41.00-44.00	43.88 Low Dressing	455-495	479	140.00-161.00	153.79
1270-1620	1464	51.00-56.00	52.40 High Dressing	501-546	531	135.00-153.00	146.68
				550-595	579	127.00-149.00	142.09
Slaughter Cows Boners 80-85				605-645	624	130.00-145.00	138.18
820-1680	1228	47.00-52.00	48.15	655-695	679	124.00-140.00	132.13
855-1660	1229	41.00-46.00	44.76 Low Dressing	705-745	722	123.00-138.00	130.27
975-1540	1309	53.00-58.00	54.09 High Dressing	760-790	775	129.00-131.00	129.98
Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90				Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1			
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
795-1380	1189	42.00-47.00	43.82	260-295	280	155.00-175.00	162.81
780-1195	1079	36.00-41.00	39.02 Low Dressing	305-345	322	150.00-167.50	157.30
850-1200	1109	48.00-53.00	49.99 High Dressing	355-395	373	127.00-158.00	150.48
Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2				400-445	422	134.00-152.00	144.72
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	455-495	473	130.00-146.00	137.21
1030-2305	1482	67.00-72.00	70.05	501-545	526	118.00-139.00	132.20
1040-2380	1490	66.00-71.00	67.41 Low Dressing	550-595	567	113.00-134.00	129.62
1300-2300	1646	73.00-78.00	75.28 High Dressing	604-645	623	115.00-133.00	126.92
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1				660-695	675	110.00-130.00	123.46
255-295	274	180.00-200.00	188.12	705-745	728	115.00-125.00	120.24
305-335	323	174.00-189.00	180.53	755-790	780	114.00-123.00	117.28
355-395	382	167.50-186.00	174.08	Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2			
405-445	434	160.00-177.50	166.88	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
450-495	476	154.00-166.00	159.91	255-295	277	132.00-165.00	152.21
500-545	521	149.00-159.00	153.69	300-345	326	124.00-158.00	148.33
555-599	577	139.00-153.00	145.43	355-395	378	122.00-152.00	142.26
605-645	628	137.00-150.00	140.30	400-445	424	120.00-148.00	136.29
655-695	678	132.00-140.00	136.37	450-495	475	114.00-142.00	129.55
705-745	730	127.00-173.00	140.91	500-545	523	118.00-134.00	125.96
760-790	771	123.00-134.00	128.47	555-595	574	109.00-130.00	122.48
805-845	833	124.00-130.00	126.86	600-645	624	110.00-127.00	119.13
Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2				655-695	676	105.00-125.00	116.60
Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	710-745	728	105.00-121.00	113.41
255-295	269	162.50-185.00	174.59	775-795	787	100.00-115.00	108.07

Source: USDA-AL Dept of Ag Market News Service, Montgomery, AL, David Garcia, OIC / Office 334-223-7488. For more information contact: Montgomery.lpgmn@ams.usda.gov.

FOR SAFE HUNTING, REMEMBER THE OBVIOUS

Hunters taking advantage of deer season in Alabama should remember to wear and use the full-body harness.

“It sounds obvious, but wearing your harness and not attaching it to the tree will not save you if you fall,” said Hunter Education Coordinator Marisa Futral. “Most falls occur while ascending and descending or stepping into or out of the tree stand, so it is extremely important to be attached to the tree at all times.”

Once at the desired height, hunters should keep a short tether between them and the tree with no slack when sitting. The tether should be fastened to the tree at eye level or above. This allows for easier recovery if a fall happens.

Hunting bows should be pulled up and lowered with a strong cord or rope. When hunting with a gun, it should be unloaded prior to pulling it up or lowering it. In addition, Futral stresses that hunters

should carefully inspect their treestand and harness before each use.

Hunting is one of the safest outdoor recreational activities. However, each hunting season, Futral receives reports of hunting accidents that could have been avoided.

For more information on the proper use of full-body harnesses, visit www.outdooralabama.com/tree-stand-safety.

Upcoming Ag Events

- December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**—A poultry and small animal sale will be held at 7 p.m. at Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction at 748 County Rd. 91, Goodwater. For more information, call Richard Askew at 256-839-6824.
- December 2**—A horse and tack sale will be held at 5 p.m. at Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction at 748 County Rd. 91, Goodwater. For more information, call Richard Askew 256-839-6824.
- December 2 & 16**—The East Alabama Goat & Poultry Auction will be held at noon at 1006 Co Rd 474, Woodland, AL 36380. The auction will sell goats, sheep, hogs, cattle and poultry. For more information, call 256-419-8527.
- December 6**—The Capital City Master Gardener Association sponsors a free monthly Lunch and Learn from noon to 1 p.m. at the Armory Learning Arts Center at 1018 Madison Ave., Montgomery. The December topic is Houseplants, conducted by Master Gardener Barbara Witt. For more information, call 334-270-4133 or visit www.capcitymga.org.
- December 9**—The Central Alabama Goat & Poultry Auction will be held at noon at 1403 Kincheon Road in Clanton. Additional livestock and poultry, etc. welcome. For more information, call Jada at 205-258-8307 or Kathy at 205-351-2039.
- December 9**—Goats, sheep and cattle sale will be held at noon at Clay County Goat and Poultry Auction at 748 County Rd. 91, Goodwater. For more information, call Richard Askew 256-839-6824.
- December 12**—The agronomic crops team from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System is conducting a series of monthly webinars for 2017. The webinars can be viewed live at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. They are also being recorded for viewing at your convenience. For more information, visit www.aces.edu.
- December 12**—The Alabama Cooperative Extension System is working with Auburn University’s Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences to bring the Row Crops Short Course to farmers. The course, which is being held at the Auburn University Hotel and Dixon Conference Center, begins on December 12 and ends at noon on December 13. For additional information, contact Trey Cutts at trey.cutts@auburn.edu or Brenda Ortiz at bortiz@auburn.edu.
- January 6**—The Alabama Syrup-Makers Association meets at 8 a.m. at Golden Corral in Dothan every other month. For more information, call Earl Stokes at 334-494-3037.
- January 10**—Bellingrath Gardens and Home is hosting a winter garden walk, conducted by Executive Director Bill Barrick, Nursery Manager Chuck Owens and Display Coordinator Barbara Smith. For register, call 251-459-8864.

To submit a January event to the Bulletin, send it by mail or email to afcb@agi.alabama.gov before December 12.

DEFENDING AGAINST BROWN MARMORATED STINK BUGS

By Derek Herscovici
Auburn University

Alabama is home to many pests, and as of 2010 it was introduced to a new one, *Halyomorpha halys*, a.k.a. the brown marmorated stink bug or BMSB.

Whenever a new species is introduced, this presents the opportunity for research; for entomology grad student Savannah Duke, it means defending against these intrusive insects.

The adult BMSB is shield-shaped and a dark, mottled brown. It ranges in length from 14 to 17 mm, roughly the size of a U.S. dime. It was discovered in Alabama in 2010 and in the U.S. in the 1990s.

The BMSB gets its more common name from the foul smell it releases as a defense mechanism, or when crushed.

Since summer 2015, Duke has been observing the bugs' distribution and damage to corn and cotton. She spends most of her time doing fieldwork to conduct this type of research, rather than spending her time inside a lab.

Duke has had plenty of experience in working with



insects since she began her undergraduate degree in horticulture. While a student worker, she reared insects for research. She also assisted a field scientist during her crop science farm internship with Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals.

According to her 2015-16 study, there are 19 confirmed and four suspected counties that contain the BMSB. "It's a new invasive species," said Duke.

She began the research to learn the bugs' potential damage to cotton crops.

"It may be more of a threat to the older bolls," she said. "It will stay and continue to feed longer than native stink bugs, and this can cause damage that

would threaten yields." The damage these insects can cause to corn also is quite severe. Duke said the BMSB can be devastating in high numbers, but the control practices farmers use against normal stink bugs have so far been effective.

"They start coming out of hiding after winter," said Duke. "Also, right after the corn starts growing, they start feeding and reproducing. After that they move on to cotton and then soybeans. They find other hosts plants too."

Another concern with new insects are what diseases they transmit. Although certain stink bugs can transmit diseases, Duke said that to her knowledge they are not vectoring any at the moment.



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Choosing and cutting your own Christmas tree is a wonderful outing to begin your Christmas season. Take your family and friends to experience the fun and excitement of a working farm where you can find your perfect tree, and enjoy hay rides, wreaths, gift shops, breathe some fresh air, and many other offerings. Bring home a healthy, fresh grown Christmas tree and support a local farm.

The Southern Christmas Tree Association's (SCTA) mission is to assist growers in the production and marketing of high quality, REAL Christmas trees for consumers. Members provide unique experiences for customers while creating memories and traditions for families lasting a lifetime.

SCTA members invites customers to explore their website, call or e-mail, check them out on Facebook or other social media but mostly encourage the public to come out and visit the farm. They are confident you will return!

To create memories that will last a lifetime, find a local tree farmer near you by visiting www.southernchristmastrees.org.

NATIONAL WEEKLY HOG REPORT

The following are national statistics of hog sales, as compiled by the USDA on Friday, November 17. Early weaned pigs \$4 per head higher. All feeder pigs \$1 per head higher. Demand good for moderate offerings. Receipts include 49 percent formulated prices. All prices quoted on per head basis with an estimated lean value of 50-54 percent.

Receipts this Week: 93,702 Last Week: 66,753 Last Year: 65,980

Information below (l-r) is: Lot Size, Head, Formula Range, Formula Wtd Avg., Head, Cash Range, and Cash Wtd Avg.

Early Weaned Pigs 10-12 lbs. Basis:

600 or less	2,009	40.16-47.50	43.21	700	37.00-38.00	37.43
600-1200	9,408	39.85-46.76	42.65	4,850	32.00-57.00	46.00
1200 or more	34,746	37.12-46.11	42.30	38,151	42.00-56.00	47.37
Total compos.	46,163	37.12-47.50	42.41	43,701	32.00-57.00	47.06

Feeder Pigs 40 lbs. Basis:

600 or less				3,838	46.50-68.00	56.21
Total composite				3,838	46.50-68.00	56.21

Total Composite Weighted Average Receipts and Price (Formula and Cash): All Early Weaned Pigs: 89,864 at 44.67; All 40 lbs. Feeder Pigs: 3,838 at 56.21.

Note: Prices are quoted on a per head basis delivered to the buyers farm. Prices include frieght and fees on a farm to farm basis.

Source: USDA Market News Service, Des Moines, IA. 24 Hour recorded market information 515-284-4830. Visit www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/swine-reports.

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PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

It all started with a comment Robert Armstrong’s dad made at one of the family’s Christmas get-togethers, “Momma you outta market these cookies because they are good!” Armstrong heard his dad and made a promise to Anice “Gammy” Armstrong that one day he would make a business out of the cookies. She just laughed, not believing he was serious.

After graduating from the University of Alabama, Armstrong took a job in Birmingham as a salesman, but he wasn’t fulfilled. So he decided to move back to his hometown of Selma and give entrepreneurship a try.

After exhausting a few other business ideas, Armstrong decided it was time to dive in creating a business with his Gammy’s cookies. He took a lien against his Toyota 4 Runner and started the Selma Good Co. LLC.

“For the next few weeks Gammy taught me everything there was to know about baking her cookies,” Armstrong says.

Armstrong found an old closed down restaurant with a small kitchen hidden in the back of a much larger warehouse



building located in the historic district of Selma.

After a few weeks of ruining thousands of cookies, Armstrong finally figured it out and filled the first few orders to three local stores.

For the next year and a half, the company grew from three stores to more than 35 around the state. It was growing very fast and Armstrong had to do everything — from baking and inventory to marketing and delivery —all while working a part-time wine sales job.

Although the company was growing, Armstrong couldn’t bake them fast enough and didn’t have the ability to ramp up production. He had to put the business on hold until he could figure out another route. Now the company has re-launched with a revamped brand called G Mommas, which allows them to share their cookies all over the country.

For more information, visit gmommas.com.

We continue to spotlight an employee each month to put a face with the many services provided by the Department of Agriculture and Industries. We hope you enjoy getting to know more about our excellent employees!

Our Spotlight Employee of the Month is Eva Keogh. She has worked for the Department of Agriculture and Industries for two years. Keogh serves as a Lab Technician II in the department’s seed laboratory, located at the Richard Beard Building in Montgomery. The lab performs numerous tests on seed samples —such as purity, noxious, germination, and/or vigor — in order to give farmers, retailers and wholesalers the best analysis possible.

Keogh prepares the seed samples for purity and noxious testing by dividing them into working samples. She also prepares samples for germination and vigor analysis by placing 400 of each seed on a form of substrate or other media. The substrate or media used depends on the seed type — for instance, ryegrass would be put on round filter paper or blotter paper in a petri dish and peanuts would be put between a thick layer of moistened germination paper.

Each set of seeds is placed in a



Eva Keogh

germinator and left for a specific number of days before the first count is taken. The Association of Official Seed Analysis (AOSA) standards manual determines the required temperature of the germinator and the number of days lab personnel are required to give each specific seed to germinate.

Keogh’s favorite part of her job is working with people that feel more like family rather than coworkers. She also enjoys seeing how her role is an important function in the seed analysis process.

Keogh has been married to her husband, Andy, for 3½ years and they have an American Bulldog named Merle that keeps them quite busy.





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